

the first time I got a glimpse of what education might be and really learned something. . . . Yet it was not what I learned but the fact that I learned something, that I discovered that it was the keenest of pleasures to use one's mind, a new sensation, and one which made Mr. Adams's course in the history of the Middle Ages so memorable to me.

To teach students that it is a pleasure to use one's mind is our single most important task at universities, I think, and it seems inescapable that we cannot measure how well we perform it. Instead of talking metrics, let's listen to another source of wisdom on intellectual pleasure, namely, Lionel Trilling.

. . . if we abandon the idea of literature as an independent, contemplative experience, as a pleasure, . . . if we continue to make it conform to philosophies of immediate ends, . . . and do not keep clear its own particular nature, we shall be contributing to the loss of two things of the greatest social value. Of these one is the possibility which art offers of an experience that is justified in itself, of nearly unconditioned living. Upon such experience, or even the close approach to it, we have learned to turn hostile faces: that is one of the strategic errors of our culture, for in the long run the possibility of such experience is a social necessity. The second thing we shall lose is the awareness—it is ultimately practical—which comes only from the single-minded contemplation of works that arise from the artist's own contemplation of events and objects; this is an awareness of the qualities of things. In the realm of art we call these qualities style, in the realm of morals we call them character, in the realm of politics we have no name for them but they are finally important. To these qualities, especially in times of crisis, society seems to be stolidly indifferent; actually they are, after survival, the great social concern.

We are in the age of big data, accountability, and hurry-up offenses. But long-term quality, not instant quantification, should be our concern in universities: helping our students gain "an awareness of the qualities of things" for a lifetime of personal pleasure and democratic contributions.

Intellectual contemplation and pleasure are, to put it mildly, not much in vogue these days, but they are clearly what Princeton gave to James Madison almost 250 years ago. Knowing Chris Eisgruber and his passion for intellectual engagement as the true measure of higher education, I have no doubt that Princeton will remain faithful to this central principle. And I wish him and all of you a lot of pleasure in its pursuit!

GREATER CARLISLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which celebrated its 100th anniversary on October 10, 2013.

Founded in 1751, the borough of Carlisle is a historic community in south-central Pennsylvania. The Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1913 and serves to encourage economic growth and stability throughout the area. The Chamber takes on many roles vital to the prosperity of the bor-

ough including helping start and grow local businesses, planning and hosting networking and professional development events, and assisting tourists in exploring the town. They continue to be an important asset to this growing community.

Mr. Speaker, for 100 years the Greater Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce has been a catalyst for economic growth in Carlisle, PA. Therefore, I commend all those who have served to improve their community as part of this important organization.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND LAWRENCE E. AKER III

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Reverend Lawrence E. Aker III. During his years of service, Rev. Aker has ministered to thousands and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all those he encountered. In honor of his tenth anniversary as pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Rev. Aker was honored at a celebratory banquet on April 27, 2013 at Steiner Studios in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1917, Cornerstone Baptist Church was founded in Brooklyn, NY by a small group of forward minded individuals. Today, it is a thriving church of over 1,500 members with active boards, clubs, Sunday school programs, and choirs. In the last decade, Cornerstone Baptist Church has continued to thrive under the outstanding leadership of Rev. Aker. In order to meet the needs of his ever-growing parishioners, an additional Sunday service was added. By embracing technology, Rev. Aker has made his church more accessible to all who are called to worship. During his tenure, the church underwent extensive renovation to the exterior of the edifice. This beautification of the church was greatly celebrated by the community, lifting not just the congregation but all those in its vicinity. As a visionary, Rev. Aker plans to continue the church's enhancement through the renovation of the church's gym and community center.

His strong commitment to nurturing the next generation led to the creation of "Friday Nite Fire," a weekly bible study for youth and young adults. He also created the Women of the World (WOW) ministry, which offers spiritual guidance to women. Rev. Aker's reach extends outside the parish: I experienced this first hand as a member of the Assembly when we worked together to organize a community career fair at Cornerstone Baptist Church.

This past winter, I was privileged to accept the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award with the Reverend, given to us from the State of Israel and presented by Ambassador Ido Aharoni, Consul General of Israel in New York, for "spreading compassion and uniting communities of all backgrounds." As a life-long parishioner of Cornerstone, I could think of no higher honor than to be counted among his company.

Rev. Aker holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Howard University, a Master in Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, a Master of Sacred Theology from Yale University, and is currently a Doctor of Philosophy candidate at Drew University.

Rev. Aker is an inspirational leader whose work would not have been possible without the love and support of his wife Cynthia Aker and their devoted children. We thank his family for sharing him with us all. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Rev. Aker on his 10th pastoral anniversary. For his commitment to the people of Brooklyn, he is worthy of the highest praise.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLEN CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church of Asbury Park, New Jersey. Since its founding, Allen Chapel AME Church has provided outstanding spiritual guidance and outreach to the community.

Allen Chapel AME Church has grown structurally and in membership since its founding as a mission in 1933. First worshipping at a local Presbyterian Church temporarily, the founding committee acquired property and moved the mission to its permanent and current location in 1934. The congregation assisted in renovating and rebuilding the site to a house of worship, a study room, choir room, lecture room, kitchen and a large yard for outdoor events. Twenty-two years later, the church purchased another adjacent building to use as a parsonage. In 1960, design and construction began to replace the original church building with a new, modern church on the same site. Church leaders, congregants and friends volunteered to help with the demolition and rebuilding and the new church was completed in 1964. Less than 10 years later, the mortgage burning was celebrated.

Allen Chapel AME Church is dedicated to expanding its ministry, social action and community outreach. In 2012, it began a prayer line during the Lenten season that was eventually extended to a weekly occurrence. Allen Chapel AME Church also facilitated bringing Covenant House to Asbury Park, providing a haven to the homeless youth throughout the community.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Allen Chapel AME Church on its 80th anniversary. Its dedicated service to its congregants and the greater Asbury Park community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 532, I was unable to cast my vote due to conflict which did not allow me to return to the floor in time to make the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE ORGANIZERS OF THE LAC-MÉGANTIC BENEFIT CONCERT AND THE AREA FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of Farmington, Maine, who continue to aid and assist the residents of their "sister city," the town of Lac-Mégantic, a small town located near the Canadian border.

Early on the morning of July 6, 2013, a train derailment and horrendous explosion devastated the center of this scenic lake-side town of 6,000 residents. 40 buildings were destroyed, 47 people lost their lives, 2,000 residents were displaced and countless lives were forever changed. The heroism of the local fire department aided by fire crews from the Franklin County towns of Chesterville, Eustis, Farmington, New Vineyard, Phillips, Rangeley and Strong helped to avert an even greater tragedy.

In rural Maine, people know what it means to be a good neighbor, and I am heartened by the outpouring of support that has come from the local communities. Four days after the tragedy, local business leaders and municipalities joined together to launch the Lac-Mégantic Relief Fund, a fundraising campaign to assist the town to recover from this disaster. At last report, over \$32,000 has been raised, and I know that this generosity will help the town through this difficult time.

On Saturday, October 12, 2013, a benefit concert will be held in the University of Maine at Farmington's South Dining Hall, and the community will host Lac-Mégantie's mayor, police chief and head of the Chamber of Commerce. I want to thank Farmington Selectman Ryan Morgan, the Wilton Selectmen, and Maine State Senator Tom Saviello for their hard work in organizing what will be a wonderful evening of entertainment, fellowship and solidarity.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring all of the first-responder heroes who responded to the Lac-Mégantic tragedy and those fellow Mainers who continue to support this community as it rebuilds and recovers.

IN THE BATTLE IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO SPC COREY GARMON BRONCO TROOP PLATOON THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one America's and one of Alabama's most heroic sons, and his family. SPC Corey Garmon of Boaz and The United States Army. On July 11, 2012 while out on patrol in Kandahar Corey was almost killed in an IED blast. Losing both his legs and sustaining numerous other life threatening injuries he has battled back. Just recently he celebrated his alive date, marking the one year anniversary of brush with death. His lovely wife Megan has

been by his side from the beginning, giving him the love and support to help bring him through these darkest of all nights. They are about to have their first child. We are not sure if this is blast related or not, but one of Alabama's brightest sons is a Gator fan. We hope in the coming years once he gets back home we can make him see the light. I submit this poem penned by Albert Caswell in honor of his valor and courage and his family's.

IN THE BATTLE

(by Albert Carey Caswell)

In ...

In The Battle!

All In The Fight!

There are but all of those who but bring
their light!

Men of honor!

And Men of might!

Who so march off to war with hearts and
souls of steel so very bright!To leave behind all that they so love and
adore!

As where they go,

Angels so fear to tread so for sure!

For no day is so promised all in war!

All in this darkest of dread all the more ...

As all around them the red blood flows and
pours!

Where it's, one for all ... and all for one!

A place to where fine hearts of Strength In
Honor so run!For these are America's greatest of all
Daughters and Sons!The Men and Women of Bronco Company,
who for all of us so do what must so be done!

For they so live by a code!

As they so lock and load!

A Code of Honor!

A Code of Faith!

While, all around them such darkness waves!

As they so bravely stare death right in the
face!

As upon each new morn as they awake,

not knowing if this is to be their last and
final day!

While, thousands of miles away ...

their families now so cry and pray!

As they so ask our Lord,

to so let their loved ones live just one more
day!As somehow out into that darkness they
make their ways!

To a way of honor!

To a way of faith!

To a way of courage,

that so makes the Angels pray!

As they do battle upon each new day!

As their families,

the tears in eyes they make!

And for all of those who upon battlefields of
honor who've died!It's for all of you and your families we now
so cry

Because all in that Battle,

all of your promises you did so keep!

As you so pledged your fine lives away,

to all of your Brothers In Arms all in this
bond which binds you so very deep!

For in The Battle,

there is something so magnificent of so to
speak!

That Keeps Them Strong,

Them So Keeps!

That So Helps Them To So Fight On an On!

That which will not allow their most coura-
geous hearts,

to so retreat!

All In This Battle,

This Battle Oh So Very Deep!

And one such Southern Son,

who to sweet home Alabama his fine heart so
speaks!

Specialist Garmon,

whose heart so shines like the mid day sun!

This BO from BOAZ,

and he knows how to lock and load!

And so lives by such a code!

Who is but Army Strong!

Who all for his Country Tis of Thee,

his fine heart beats loud and long!

Who so came out of death to rebuild his life
just like a song!While, all in those moments between life and
death ...As upon him he could so feel but that hand
of death!

As it was in that moment Corey,

when to yourself you so made a pledge!

To win this new battle that which to you
this war had left!

With your two strong legs now gone,

your most courageous heart would crest!

As somehow it so helped you to move on
only with what you had so left!

As it was Life or it was Death,

as you got up and out of the bed to our
hearts catch!

All at speed,

as this Bama would not so rest, would not so
heed!

For you had mountains to so climb!

And people to so inspire all in your time!

And a great wife named Megan,

so divine!

And with the help of your fine wife,

as she so stood by her man, so by your side!

As together you've so passed one of the
greatest tests of time!

In our times, and in our lives ...

There are Battles that we must fight!

Will we so find the strength and the courage,
to somehow deep down inside all of our

hearts to so nourish!

The strength to so find!

Or in a town called pity will we now so re-
side,and feel so sorry for our selves and begin to
cry?

Or will we like Corey,

get up and so begin our climb?

All with hearts of courage full,

to once again to do Battle one more time!

For moments,

are all that we all so have!

To change the world!

To so make the good from out of the bad!

To make a difference with it all!

To so teach us!

To so beseech us!

To against all odds in the end still so stand-
ing tall!

But your not perfect Corey,

because you're one of the biggest Florida
Gator fans of all!I wonder if that sticks in coach
SABANNNNN'S crawl!

Why you won't roll with The Tide at all?

I'm sorry Lou,

but out to this hero The Gator calls!

And when you get back to Bama,

there's work to be done!

We've got to get you to roll with The Tide,
or as a War Eagle fly high my son!

Corey my son,

you are just a young man!

But already,

look at what all in your short life what you
have done!

More than most anyone!

And up ahead,

there's so much more for you my son!

Better to live life like a hero,

all in your most heroic sun!

Than to die in the darkness of a life,

of which nothing you have done!

Because, we will all die some day ...

but only heroes up in Heaven will so run!

For life is but a Battle,

that only with but hearts of courage full can
so be won!And Corey, you are one of America's and
Alabama's ...

Most Heroic of all Sons